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Council to hold Special Session to consider report and several legislations

WINDOW ROCK – The Navajo Nation Council is scheduled to have a special session on August 11, beginning at 10 a.m. in the Council Chamber located in Window Rock, Ariz. The session will be streamed live on the web through the Council's designated USTREAM channel.

The special session will be held to address three legislations and to discuss a report from Navajo Nation Controller Mark Grant, concerning options to fund the recently approved five-year Capital Improvements Projects listing.

According to the proposed agenda, Council will consider Legislation No. 0081-14 sponsored by Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie (Churchrock, Iyanbito, Mariano Lake, Pinedale, Smith Lake, Thoreau), which seeks to amend the Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund.

Council previously amended the Veterans Trust Fund to provide funding for the construction of 375 homes and to provide minor repairs and renovations for Navajo veterans in each of the Nation's five agencies, over the course of four years.

If approved and signed into law, the proposed legislation would authorize veterans to designate construction sites of their homes within or outside of the Navajo Nation. In addition, it would also allow the use of funds to purchase prefabricated or modular homes within or outside of the Nation's boundaries.

On Monday, the Council will also consider Legislation No. 0122-14, which was tabled during the summer session.

The measure, sponsored by Council Delegate Danny Simpson (Becenti, Crownpoint, Huerfano, Lake Valley, Nageezi, Nahodishgish, Tse'ii'ahi, Whiterock), seeks the Navajo Nation's support of a Congressional bill entitled, "The Fort Wingate Land Division Act of 2014," which would divide nearly 20,000 acres of land between the Navajo Nation and the Zuni Tribe. The land is located in Fort Wingate approximately 20 miles east of Gallup.

Council is also scheduled to consider Legislation No. 0109-14, sponsored by Council Delegate Dwight Witherspoon (Black Mesa, Forest Lake, Hardrock, Pinon, Whippoorwill). If approved and signed into law, it would amend the Navajo Preference in Employment Act to change certain provisions for Navajo Nation employees under the act.

Please visit: www.navajonationcouncil.org under "Press Releases" on the homepage to view the proposed agenda for Monday's special session.

Visit <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/navajo-nation-council> to view the live-streamed proceedings of the Council's special session. Alternatively, viewers may log onto the USTREAM home page and search for 'Navajo Nation Council' in the search box.

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